

**Council Workshop
June 9, 2009**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the council workshop of June 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Jean Arrant, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Mark Martin and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Engineer Representative Charles Peters (PMA), Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, City Planner Latilda Henninger and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Simmons gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Occupational License Workshop

Mayor Marse opened the workshop for discussion.

Councilman Simmons began by stating that he would like to see a way for the City to track businesses coming in and out of the City and to help the Council make sure that the new businesses going into established buildings met current safety standards. Chief Greenslait mentioned that some buildings may not meet fire safety codes for the new businesses going in – such as a restaurant being converted from a warehouse facility.

Discussion continued and included the following items:

- What the Council was actually trying to monitor – track businesses, safety and possible code issues with the building, compliance with current zoning regulations
- Enforcement of violations – Walton County code enforcement, Walton County Building department, how to co-ordinate inspections, discontinue water service until compliance is met, fines
- Permit fees – council agreed to set one fee, not a range of fees such as listed on the sample ordinance, possibly no fee, just requirement to register
- Implementation – City Clerk to collect permit application, fees, forward to Planning and Fire Department for possible inspection. Mayor Marse stressed turn around on permits must be quick – not to sit for an indeterminate amount of time
- Current businesses must also comply with permit regulations once established – possible code or safety issues with established buildings may need to be looked at by Council on a case by case basis.

Council agreed to have a committee work on a proposed document and bring it back for approval at a later council meeting. Latilda Henninger, Ben Greenslait, Councilman Simmons, Councilman Martin, Mayor Marse, and Clerk Robin Haynes were requested to be the committee members and hold workshops as necessary to prepare a draft ordinance.

III. Adjournment

Councilman Martin motioned to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President